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NEW RECRUITING  
CAMPAIGN.  
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MINISTER'S APPEAL FOR  
UNITY.  
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MELBOURNE, Sept.

Mr. Donald Mackinnon, Director-General of Recruiting, had a preliminary conference on Saturday morning with Colonel T. H. Duffin (Military Secretary), Captain R. S. Costen, of New South Wales, Lieutenant Haslam, of South Australia, and Lieutenant...

of Victoria, on matters connected with the recruiting campaign about to be inaugurated in the several military districts. The conference will be resumed on Monday.

Subsequently, Mr. Mackinnon said he was obtaining information regarding the conditions in the States before deciding how best to meet them when the campaign opens.

Commenting to-day upon the attitude taken up by certain members of the Labour party, that they would not support the forthcoming recruiting campaign, the Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) said:—"I trust that on future reflection these members will see how false is their position. Recruiting is not a party question. It is a national question. It is not a question of supporting the Government, but one of supporting the Australian soldiers in the trenches. The campaign

should have no political significance whatever. I hope that members will reconsider their attitude, and I look forward to both Federal and State members of Parliament doing all they possibly can to secure the necessary reinforcements for the Australian Imperial Force."

CRITICISM BY PROFESSOR  
MACINTYRE.

FIGHT

The Rev. Professor Macintyre, who has been closely connected with the recruiting campaign in this State for the past two years, in reference to the new proposals for recruits

recruits, started yesterday.—There is nothing very new in the new scheme, and what is new is not all good. The appointment of a director-general of recruiting, who will confide himself to this one matter, is emphatically in the right direction, and was urged upon the Defence Department by myself in a recent memorandum of suggestions which I was asked to send to the Minister for Defence. The appointment of Mr. Donald Mackenzie to this post is, I believe, a good one. Mr. Mackenzie has a long experience of recruiting.

of the Victorian committee, and will bring to the work enthusiasm and ability. The need for co-ordinating the work in the various States is manifest, for hitherto each State has been, so far as recruiting is concerned, a water-tight compartment. Now there will be a central authority, with not too much centralism, uniting the schemes formulated

In each State, and enabling each to share the ideas of all. As required there will be conferences of representatives from each State recruiting committee to discuss and compare ideas. It is probable that more use than hitherto will be made of literature either scattered throughout the Commonwealth. The literature department will indeed be an important section of the new scheme. Much of

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our troops at the front so as to keep the divisions in the field nearly, if not wholly, at strength, though I have no expectation that on the voluntary system we can supply the 16,500 per month asked for by the Imperial Army Council. But we may manage to send reinforcements at the same rate as for several months past.

"It is probable that while public meeting

With the above in mind, the art of speech-making. What is required is not flowers of rhetoric (mostly now faded flowers), but plain straightforward statements of the gravity of the situation. It is clear to me that the department must take the public more into its confidence. In working a volunteer system of recruiting it is not sufficient to say what you require. You must be free to tell them why. A full and frank statement is

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of the gravity of the situation, to employ any unmarried man of military age and fitness whose services are not considered indispensable by an outside body. That policy ought to be frankly proclaimed and thoroughly applied. And certainly when a man in Government employ has vacated his place ought not to be even temporarily filled by a "stay-at-home." To some extent I have seen that the policy I recommend is applied, but

"It is puerile to speak as if the war was practically over and the enemy beaten, as was done in the Senate this week by our member. Germany is not beaten, and does not believe she can be beaten. She is holding her own, and has not been stamped out."

the Allies in the west; the Russian advance, and she is in the process of eating up another of the small nations which have joined us. I believe we can win, but not that we can win with less than our full strength wisely applied.

"The committee counts much on the help of the Press, without whose help, indeed, we could not carry on at all, but avoid spending money, still we gain them. The Allies

have dealt the enemy some heavy blows, as well as received them, but victory is not yet. Every success is not a victory, but the accumulation of successes may open the way to victory, while it will take several victories to persuade Germany that she is beaten."

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### ATTITUDE OF LABOUR

**MEMBERS.**

MELBOURNE, *Sustained.*

The attitude of members of the official Labour party towards the recruiting campaign, which is to be launched shortly, with Mr. McKinnon, M.L.A., as director of recruiting, is one of the most interesting phases of the

political position. One of the details of the recruiting scheme is the proposal to induce all members of the House of Representatives the chairmen of the committees in their respective electorates.

In view of the fact that the members of the official Labour party, which is now the Opposition corner party, when opposing campaigning, in the referendum campaign, in

The Prime Minister declined to discuss this attitude taken up by the eastern party in Saturday. "The public will soon have their real views regarding the war," he said. "The views were judged entirely by their own in-

Mr. Tudor, the leader of the caucus party, also declined to make any statement as to the Hampton's refusal to take any part in the recruiting campaign. Nor would he say whether his party proposed to remain aloof from this campaign as a party. All he could be induced to say was that members would have an opportunity to make their views known and he knows when the debate on the

Ministry's policy was reasonable  
day.

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## ROUMANIA'S

HEROIC DEFENCE

TOWNS RECAPTURED

FALL BACK ELSEWHERE

## RUSSIAN AID

OFFENSIVE IN NORTH

## GREEKS

CLASH WITH ALLIES

FIGHTING IN ATHENS

The Roumanians are still being forced eastwards upon Bucharest, but are offering a heroic resistance. South-west of Bucharest they attacked, and recaptured two towns lost a few days previously. To the northwards and north-west they further retired before the invaders.

The Russians are seeking to relieve the Roumanians by attacking very strongly in the mountainous region westwards and southwards of Bukovina. They report small successes.

There has been disconnected fighting between the Rumanian and detachments landed by the Allies. Encounters have taken place in Athens. The fragmentary nature of the reports received and the absence of an authoritative statement render the course of events difficult to follow.

A Cabinet crisis has developed in Britain, which is expected to lead to a rearrangement of the War Council.

## WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 3. General Sir Douglas Haig's final communiqué on Saturday night reported that the British had been successful in their attack on the Ancre. A small enemy party entered trenches north of the Ancre, but was immediately ejected. There has been considerable reciprocal trench mortar bombardment at Ypres, Arras, and Valenciennes.

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## RUSSIA AND THE WAR.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 2. The Russian Premier, Mr. Trotskiy, has issued a statement that the Russian army is now in a position to meet any possible attack on the coast of France.

## CRISIS IN CABINET

WAR COUNCIL.

ENERGY DEMANDED.

WAR MINISTER MAY RESIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

"Reynolds's Newspaper" states that the Minister for War, Mr. Lloyd George, will resign today. The paper says that Mr. Lloyd George has arrived at the definite conclusion that the methods, dilatoriness, indecision, and delay characterising the actions of the present War Council endanger the prospects of winning the war. He has demanded a War Council which shall be empowered to make prompt and binding decisions. It is believed that Mr. Asquith declined to accept that view, and hence Mr. Lloyd George had no alternative but his resignation. This was tendered, but delayed until today, at the instance of several colleagues, who are endeavouring, with little prospect of success, to prevent this final step. Mr. Lloyd George's reasons for his resignation will probably be published to-night. His failure to induce the Government to move in time to prevent the tragic reverse in Roumania was doubtless the final factor operating in Mr. Lloyd George's mind.

The "Observer" suggests that Mr. Asquith may find a way out by undertaking to supervise general administration, and entrusting to Mr. Lloyd George the full direction of the war and everything vitally concerned therewith, while Mr. Bonar Law's position in the Government might be much enhanced. The paper adds: "The crisis must not fail to produce, by one means or another, a supreme national effort to win the war. It also contends that shipping and shipbuilding unquestionably require a Minister to themselves."

The "Weekly Dispatch" foresees the employment of Mr. Lloyd George as a Minister of the Admiralty, and Mr. Asquith as a Minister of the War. It is rumoured late on Saturday night that Mr. Asquith would possibly resign to enable a new coalition Government to be formed.

The "Sunday Times" says, whether the resignation will be accepted by Mr. Asquith's retirement at present is doubtful. There is a strong feeling that he should remain at the head of the Cabinet, while delegating the chief direction of the war to a more energetic colleague. This would minimise the uneasiness that now exists, and the question must rest among Allies and neutrals.

## NEWSPAPERS CRITICAL.

LONDON, Dec. 2. The Cabinet crisis is attracting attention. Mr. Asquith had a long audience with the King, but afterwards proceeded for the week-end to the country.

The "Evening Standard" says that within the Cabinet a strong current of opinion united by a small number of Ministers, with plenary powers. It is probable that the break-up of the Government will be averted by placing war control in the hands of a committee of Ministers, who will be empowered to make decisions on all matters of war importance. The "Manchester Guardian" declares that the House of Commons is in the mood to create a new Ministry. The course of events is dependent on Mr. Lloyd George, who is expected to resign today.

The "Daily Chronicle" says that rumours of a drastic reconstruction of the Cabinet are unfounded. A reconstruction of the Cabinet's War Committee is likely, with a reduced membership and much increased authority, but the resignation of Mr. Lloyd George is not expected. The "Daily Chronicle" also says that the Government is likely to be reorganised, with a reduced membership and much increased authority, but the resignation of Mr. Lloyd George is not expected.

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## AN AIR BOARD.

The "Manchester Guardian" says the Government is establishing an Air Board to control the financial, administrative, and technical matters of the air force, and that it will not interfere with questions of strategy.

## MACEDONIA.

SERVIAN ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 2. A Serbian official message says: On Friday, December 2nd, the Serbian army has been successful in its attack on the Ancre. A small enemy party entered trenches north of the Ancre, but was immediately ejected. There has been considerable reciprocal trench mortar bombardment at Ypres, Arras, and Valenciennes.

The latest French communiqué says: The Serbians repulsed the Bulgarians north of Grunista. A French communiqué states: "Two violent German-Bulgar counter-attacks on the new Serbian positions north-west of Grunista generally were repulsed with severe losses, though they regained a footing in the trench lines at some points. Bad weather continues to prevent important operations."

## BRITISH AIR RAID.

An Admiralty report says that on the Bulgarian coast a squadron of naval aeroplanes on Wednesday attacked and effected great damage to a seaplane base at Gervitz. They carried out on Thursday a bomb attack on Doksambos, and also attacked a troop train at Porna, ejecting the engine.



The black arrows show the direction of the enemy's attacks against Roumania. After Falkenhayn failed in Northern Wallachia, a new offensive was launched from the west by way of the valley of the Jiu River. This succeeded in cutting the railway in the lower Alt Valley, near Staitia, and reaching the Roumanian positions below Roturm Pass. The Roumanians retreated southwards, and the Austro-Hungarian troops crossed the Danube at several points in the south and south-west, and linked up with the forces which came from the Jiu Valley. Later on they captured Giurgiu, on the Danube, opposite Ruse, and pushed northward along the railway towards Bucharest as far north as Romania, from which town they have since been ejected.

## ROUMANIA'S PERIL.

RUSSIAN AID.

COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.

ROUMANIANS RETAKE TOWNS.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

A Petrograd message says that the Russian success in the wooded Carpathians has caused von Falkenhayn, who was moving on Bucharest from the north-west, to delay his advance, as he fears that his rear may be endangered. Moreover, the Roumanians, encouraged by the Russian attack, have assumed a resolute offensive in the Buzov Valley, and they threaten to descend again on Rasse, in Transylvania.

The Russian advance from the frontier between Roumania and Hungary is being developed with the utmost energy. The road to the important Hungarian town of Marmaros Sziget is now under the fire of Russian guns.

The Russians overcame a desperate German resistance at Kiriloba, and also seized the Kurland heights, near the foot of the Kurland mountains, which are a possibility that the Roumanians, who have concentrated in Bucharest, may hold up von Mackensen's army, which apparently does not form an unbroken line from Falkenhayn's Transylvanian army. It is possible a sudden westward move from the mountains from Dragoșlova might cut off Falkenhayn's communications.

The best prospect is the Russian thrust at the Bukovina-Moldavia junction, where the enemy line is broken between Kiriloba and the Dovletina Valley, developing strongly into the Samos Valley. This, if successful, would be a deterrent to von Falkenhayn.

Swiss messages state that civilians have evacuated Bucharest, which is preparing to make a desperate resistance. The Bucharest correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" says that aeroplanes on Thursday twice during the day bombed Bucharest, killing several people.

A large force attacked in Jiu Valley. The Roumanians retreated southward towards Targu-Jiu, and reached Pitesti. The fall of snow has ceased. It is singularly fine, giving the advantage to the enemy's advance from the northern frontiers.

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## OPTIMISTIC COMMENT.

The Paris "Chronicle" says an important Russian army under the Grand Duke Nicholas has been concentrated to aid the Roumanians.

## GREECE RESISTS.

FIGHTING IN ATHENS.

ALLIES' DEMANDS.

SHELLING BY WARSHIPS.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

The "Daily Mail" Athens correspondent states that the King's definite refusal to hand over the war material demanded by Admiral Lord Jellicoe was announced early on Friday morning.

The first shots were fired in the Acropolis at Thessalon Station, close to the Acropolis. Crowds soon were rushing along the streets and the shops were closing. Shortly afterwards a messenger arrived at the British Legation stating that firing had occurred on the slopes of the Acropolis, between French sailors and Greek resistors.

French cruisers entered Piræus. A wireless message from Athens on Friday stated that a detachment of allied troops disembarked at Piræus at 2 o'clock in the morning.

The "Morning Post" Athens correspondent says: The landing of the British, French, and Italian contingents was carried out without incident.

The Government requisitioned the University and Polytechnic Institute buildings for the Greek naval detachments, in a serious assault on Greece's sovereignty rights. She feels it her duty to expose the situation to the United States. Greece is confident that she will emerge from the crisis weakened, but intact. The United States and other neutrals, in a spirit of conciliation, have not saved Greece from a grave situation; therefore, she asks the United States to support her by expressing disapproval of the Allies' action.

A later Athens message states: During the disembarkation the railway southward of the city was cut. Firing began at 10.20 a.m. at the engineer's barracks. Simultaneously firing was heard on the line from the Hill of Mars to the station. It was severe at times, especially at Zappeion, where a French detachment has long been quartered. This building was attacked from the heights commanding it. Fighting was heavy at the Hill of Mars, where the Greeks attacked the French from the southern side of the Acropolis and the Thessalon slopes. There were violent exchanges of rifle and machine gun fire.

Fighting took place on the station side between Greeks and Italians, who occupied cottages near a road.

## ITALIAN FRONT.

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## ENEMY PREPARATIONS.

CONTEMPLATED OFFENSIVE.

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Preparations which have been carried on with great activity indicate that the Germans contemplate an offensive over a wider range. A short railway, which has been completed between Egna and Cavallone, is being rapidly extended to Predazzo. This suggests the contemplated offensive extends from the Dolomite region, where the Italians have taken refuge in the Plaine of Attila. Refugees have also fled towards Plabene and other coastal places.

There were several distinct fights on the outskirts of the city. The casualties are unknown.

The "Daily Chronicle" correspondent at Athens states that many were killed and wounded at the Zappeion building. The Greeks at the Acropolis and the slopes surrounding it took prisoner 30 French.

About 5 in the afternoon the fleet bombarded positions on the southern hills. Two shells fell in the centre of the city.

It is reported that King Constantine agreed to hand over six batteries. The British and French Ministers visited the palace in the evening. An armistice was then signed pending a further Crown Council. Allied Ministers, under a Greek escort, visited the Zappeion building, and conferred with the commander.

The "Observer" Athens correspondent says the Greek casualties numbered 100.

## GREEK ARMY MOVING.

Rome correspondents in Athens telegraph that the Greek Army is marching northwards, and taking guns.

## SUBMARINE MENACE.

MORE VESSELS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

The steamer City of Birmingham, 7408 tons, of the Hall Line, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

A message from Las Palmas (Canary Islands) on Thursday reported: A German submarine sank the Dutch cargo steamer Kodiri (5781 tons) this afternoon. The crew were landed.

A Rome message states that German submarines in the Mediterranean are sending out wireless S.O.S. signals in the hope of bringing vessels to the scene of a supposed attack, where the submarines could torpedo them.

Vessels which have just been sunk by submarines include the following steamers:—British: Eggesford, 4414 tons; Brindley, 2700 tons.

French: St. Joseph, 5796 tons.

Danish: Sigurd, 2119 tons.

Japanese: Nagata Maru.

## ALLIED COUNCIL.

The Allied Council has met in London, and has decided to support the Roumanian Government.

## THE MARINA CASE.

A NEW YORK MESSAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

The German Ambassador, who has delivered Germany's answer in respect to the torpedoing of the steamer Marina, without warning, 50 Americans being among those on board.

The reply offers an apology, and the punishment of the submarine commander, and an indemnity for American victims, if it is proved the sinking was not justified.

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## GERMANS ON AUSTRALIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

One of the leading German newspapers, the "Kölnische Zeitung," deliberately alludes to the final figures of the conscription referendum in Australia.

It declares the referendum represents the beginning of the British Empire's end, and means that the majority of Australians refuse any longer to support the motherland.

The newspaper also accuses Australians of rank cowardice, and says that all who were well out of guns would have been affected if it was passed voted against it.

A New York message says it is learned that the United States Government, on its own behalf, has informed Germany of its deep concern over the Belgian deportations, causing action to be taken after fruitless informal efforts for the Belgians by the American Charge d'Affaires.

Mr. Havens has informed Mr. Lansing (Secretary of State) that the deportations now number more than 100,000.

An Amsterdam message says several Belgians near the frontier escaped into Holland after they had received deportation notices. The Germans have issued a proclamation that if they do not return their wives and children will be taken into custody.

The Germans deported 55,000 Belgians from the Hasselt-Twintout neighbourhood in three days.

## BRAZIL MAY BUY GERMAN SHIPS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 2.

## FRENCH ORGANISATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.

The Paris correspondent of the "New York Times" quotes French newspaper articles, giving a new impetus to the direction of the nation's affairs. The correspondent says that the public demand the full mobilization of the country's industries, and anticipates important decisions on the outcome of secret sittings of the Chamber of Deputies.

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## CORPORAL L. K. LAVERS.

Mr. S. Gordon Lavers, of Hunter's Hill, has been informed that his son, Corporal Lavers, has died of wounds received in France. Corporal Lavers left Sydney with the A.I.F. in October, 1914, and was wounded during the Lone Pine engagement, returning later to serve during the remainder of the Gallipoli campaign. Subsequently he was sent to France, where, after safely coming through the battle of Pozieres, he was fatally wounded whilst in further action. His brother, Stanley Lavers, also left Sydney in October, 1914, and is being convalescent in London from enteric fever, contracted at Gallipoli, is now in camp in England awaiting the outcome of secret sittings of the Chamber of Deputies.

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## DEATH OF MR. W. L. BRYCE.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

The Premier has received a telegram from Thursday Island, stating the death of Mr. William Leitch Bryce, Government Resident.

WILLIAM LEITCH BRYCE, who attempted to leave New Zealand without a permit, was fined £10, or in default one month's imprisonment.

THE MUSICIANS' CLAIMS.

The log of the professional musicians will come before Mr. Justice Gifford, on Monday, in the case of the Royal Society of Musicians. The log includes the claims for grand opera, theatrical, and picture house employment. A compulsory conference held recently partly failed, with the matter.



















